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1. FOLLOWING OUR APPROACH TO THE EC COMMISSION JANUARY 9
(REFTEL A), HANNAY, SOAMES' CHEF DE CABINET, GAVE US THE
INITIAL EC COMMISSION REATION TO THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL.
HE INDICATED THAT THE FULL COMMISSION HAD GREETED THE
PRESIDENT'S LETTERS TO CERTAIN COMMUNITY MEMBER STATES
WITH SATISFACTION AND, IN PARTICULAR, VIEWED POSITIVELY
THE SPEC*AL PARAGRAPH ON THE COMMUNITY IN THE PRESIDENT'S
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LETTER TO BRANDT.

2. HANNAY SAID THAT PRIOR*TO NEWS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES, THE COMMISSION HAD ALREADY PLANNED TO CONSIDER AT ITS MEETING TODAY AN INITIAL POLICY COMMUNICATION TO THE EC COUNCIL RECOMMENDING A FAVORABLE POSTURE TOWARD THE EAG PROPOSAL AND URGING THAT THE EC GOVERNMENTS RESPO*D AS A COMMUNITY (REFTEL B).

3. THE COMMISSION DECIDED TO GO AHEAD AND FORWARD THIS FIRST COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL AS PLANNED. WHILE IT MAKES NO EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGES TO BRANDT AND CERTAIN OTHER COMMUNITY HEADS OF GOVERNMENT, ITS OVERALL THRUST IS CONSISTENT TH THE COMMISSION'S SUPPORT FOR US OBJECTIVES AND IT ANTICIPATES THE PRESIDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS BY REFERENCE TO THE SECRETARY'S JANUARY 3 PRESS CONFERENCE. THE COMMISSION NOW EXPECTS TO SEND A SECOND AND FULLER COMMUNICATION TO THE EC COUNCIL PROMPTLY THAT WILL ADDRESS THE PRESIDENT'S INVITATION. SPECIFICALLY, (HANNAY EXPECTS THAT THE SECOND COMMUNICATION WILL INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POSITIONS THE COMMUNITY OUGHT TO TAKE AT THE WASHINGTON MEETING. THIS WOULD BE BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE COUNCIL WILL AGREE THAT THE COMMUNITY AS SUCH SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AND COMMON APPROACHES DEVELOPED.

4. SHORTLY AFTER OUR TALK WITH HANNAY THE COMMISSION RELEASED PUBLICLY ITS JANUARY 9 COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL. TEXT FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL. HARTMAN

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